THE HONOURABLE SRI JUSTICE GODA RAGHURAM

WRIT PETITION NO.18708 OF 2005

DATED: 24-08-2005

BETWEEN;

A.Gajendran son of late Arjuna Naiker

..PETITIONER

VS.

The Regional Joint Commissioner, MZII,Endowments Depasrtment,Tirupati and two others.

..RESPONDENTS

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ORAL ORDER

The writ petition is misconceived. There is a vacancy in the trust board of Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy Devasthanam, Chittoor. Admittedly the term of the earlier committee expired and by the impugned notification dated 11-08-2005 the 2nd respondent invited applications from interested persons to constitute a new trust board. The petitioner is a devotee of Sri Kodanda Rama Swamy and claims to have invested huge amounts for the renovation of the temple apart from collecting

donations for the purpose. It is his case that if a trust committee is appointed, the ongoing work of renovation will be hampered. This is the basis for the writ petition. The apprehension is misconceived. Admittedly, there is no trust board. The temple is not exempted from the operation of the provisions of the A.P.Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act,1987. Therefore appointment of a trust board is a mandatory requirement and the management of the temple ought not to be normally entrusted to the officials of the Endowment Department except to the trust, care and management of a committee of trustees. The petitioner's apprehension that the appointment of a committee of trustee would hamper or hinder the progress of the renovation work is baseless. If any member of the committee obstructs the legitimate progress of the work of renovation, the petitioner as he claims to be devotee can always make appropriate representations to the department and seek emergent intervention to discipline any errant member of the trust board.

In the circumstances and on the above analysis, this Court finds no merits in this writ petition. The writ petition is accordingly dismissed at the stage of admission. No order as to costs.

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GODA RAGHURAM,J

24th AUGUST,2005

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